ABSTRACT

A multi-mode mobile station is able to wirelessly communicate with a wireless wide area

network (WWAN) and with a wireless local area network (WLAN). The WLAN includes a

"virtual" visitor location register (VVLR) for storing information about multi-mode mobile

stations being served by the WLAN. The VVLR communicates with a home location register

(HLR) in the WWAN in order to facilitate roaming between the WWAN and WLAN by the

multi-mode mobile station.

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